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Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.



Headquarters Commandery State of Vermont.

In Memory of
Companion Guy Howard.

Lieut. Col. U. S. Vols.

Captain and A. Q. M., U. S. Army.

MILITARY ORDER OF THE LOYAL LEGION OF THE UNITED STATES.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

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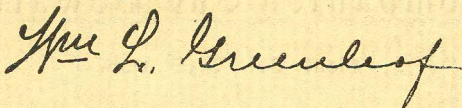
BURLINGTON, NOVEMBER 18, 1899.

Companion GUY HOWARD, who was killed by insurgents near Arayat, Philippine Islands, October 21, 1899, was elected a member of the Second Class through the Commandery of the State of Maine, December 2, 1885; transferred to the Commandery of the State of New York, December 4, 1889; to the Commandery of the State of Nebraska, April 5, 1893; to the Commandery of the State of Vermont, December 22, 1894. The following tribute to his memory is published in accordance with the By-Laws of the Commandery.

By order of Lieut. Col. FRANKLIN G. BUTTERFIELD, U.S.V.

Commander.

Official,



First Lieut. U. S. V.,

Recorder.

CAPTAIN GUY HOWARD, U. S. A.

Born in Augusta, Maine, Dec. 16, 1855.

Died in Philippine Islands, Oct. 21, 1899.

To the Commandery of the State of Vermont :

Your Committee appointed to prepare a memorial of the life, character and military services of our lamented Companion Lieutenant-Colonel GUY HOWARD, respectfully submit the following :

GUY HOWARD was born in Augusta, Maine, December 16, 1855, the eldest son of OLIVER O. HOWARD, then a Lieutenant in the regular army, later a Major-General and a Corps Commander of National fame. He was of military lineage, his ancestors for several generations having been soldiers in the Revolutionary and Colonial Wars. He graduated from Yale College in 1875, and in the following year, upon the recommendation of General W. T. Sherman, he was appointed by President Grant, Second Lieutenant in the 12th U. S. Infantry. He joined his regiment at Angel Island, California, and when the Nez Perces Indian War broke out in 1877, he took the field upon the personal staff of General O. O. Howard. Father and son served side by side in that campaign and in those of the Piute and Bannock Indian Wars which followed. Later he was in command of an Independent Company of Indian Scouts in Arizona. In these campaigns upon the plains he showed gallantry under fire and efficiency in the arduous service demanded of him, and was brevetted First Lieutenant "for gallant service in action against Indians, at Camas Meadows, Idaho, August 20th, 1877."

In May, 1880, he was appointed Aide-de-Camp on the staff of General Howard. A few months later he entered the Artillery School for Officers, at Fortress Monroe, from which he graduated with credit in 1882. July 18th, 1882, he was promoted to First Lieutenant. In October, 1885, he rejoined his

regiment at Fort Niagara, N. Y., and was appointed Adjutant of the regiment. In June, 1889, he returned to his former position on the staff of General Howard (then in command of the Military Division of the Atlantic), at Governor's Island, N. Y. He accompanied Hon. Warner Miller's expedition to inspect the line of the Nicaragua Canal; was shipwrecked with the party on Roncador Reef, in the Caribbean Sea; and distinguished himself in that emergency by his efficiency in protection of the ship stores and care of the sick, during the six days on the reef before the party was rescued by a coasting vessel.

January 7, 1893, he was appointed Captain and Commissary of Subsistence. Three weeks later, at the request of Quartermaster General Batchelder and Senator Proctor, he was transferred to the Quartermaster's Department, and placed in charge of the construction of Fort Ethan Allen. To this work he devoted himself with marked energy for five years, 1893-98, and the Post stands as a monument to his conscientious care and constructive ability.

In March, 1898, when active preparations for the impending war with Spain began, Captain Howard was ordered to Atlanta, Ga., as Assistant to the Chief Quartermaster of the Department of the Gulf, and was actively engaged, working night and day, in shipping ammunition and army supplies to Key West and the forts on the coast. In May he was appointed Major and Quartermaster of Volunteers, and in June was assigned to the Second Army Corps, at Camp Alger, Va. August 12, 1898 he was promoted to be Lieutenant-Colonel and Chief Quartermaster of that Corps. His severe labors in the instruction of some twenty-five new and inexperienced Quartermasters under him, in the establishment and care of the Camp; and in the transportation of 25,000 men to Southern camps, bore hard upon his health; but he accomplished all with a degree of energy and success that established him in the judgment of his superiors, as one of the most efficient quartermasters in the service; and because of his promptitude and success he was selected to

hurry forward the despatch of troops to Cuba from Newport News. In the reorganization of the army, in June, 1899, he was made the ranking Major and Quartermaster, and was ordered to the Philippines. He arrived at Manila, July 27th, was assigned to duty as Chief Quartermaster of General Lawton's Division of the Eighth Corps, and devoted himself with characteristic energy to the organization of the Quartermaster's department of that division. When Lawton began active field operations north of Manila, in October last, Colonel Howard found the task of supplying the division the most arduous one of his life. The insufficient transportation he could muster consisted of a few mule and bull teams, several hundred Chinese carriers, and some small water craft. In the successful accomplishment of his task he met his fate, being, it is said, the first Quartermaster to be killed in action in the discharge of the duties of that office. He was seated in the bow of a steam launch, which was towing some loaded scows up the Chiquita, a branch of the Rio Grand River, to establish a sub-depot of supplies at San Isidro, when, on the 21st of October, he was fired upon by a party of insurgents ambushed on the river bank. A bullet struck him in the breast, severing an artery, and he had only strength to order the pilot to "keep the launch going whatever happens" when he fell and expired. His native messenger was wounded at his side by the same volley. Obeying his order the crew kept on, using their magazine gun, and delivered the supplies at their destination, bearing thither also the body of Colonel Howard. This was embalmed at Manila, and is now on its way to Omaha, Nebraska, the home of his wife, for final interment. February 14th, 1884, Colonel Howard married Jennie, daughter of Hon. J. M. Woolworth, of Omaha, who survives him with two children, Helen, aged 14, and Otis W., aged 12. To these and the parents, brothers and sisters who mourn his loss, we offer our tender sympathy.

Lieutenant-Colonel GUY HOWARD was a man whom to know was to respect and esteem. He was brave, true, frank, patriotic, faithful to duty in its smaller details as well as in its larger obligations. Charged with important responsibilities on which depended the welfare and efficiency of many men, he fulfilled them with rare and admirable fidelity, capacity and success. Simple and unassuming in manner, his courtesy and kindness to all about him were unfailing. He furnished a noble example of obedience to high ideals of life and character. Upon the sanctity of his personal relations as husband, father, son and brother, we may hardly enter farther than to say that his estimable and lovable traits were as marked in his private life as was his worth in his public service. He was a good soldier and a Christian gentleman. He left an unblemished record as an officer, citizen and man; and he will long be held in honored remembrance by his Companions of this Order.

G. G. BENEDICT, E. HENRY POWELL, H. O. WHEELER,	}	Committee.
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